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SUBJECT: AUSTRIA: PALESTINIAN GUANTANAMO DETAINEE DISCUSSED

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Classified by: Economic-Political Counselor J. Dean Yap for
reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Polchief discussed reftel points October 16 with Isabel Rauscher, MFA Department Head for the Americas. Rauscher said she would discuss with MFA colleagues the possibility of accepting the Palestinian detainee. She asked whether there was something specific in the detainee's background that would make it unsafe for him to return to the Gaza Strip under Hamas rule. Polchief replied that he did not have more details about the detainee's background, but could provide more information if the GOA were willing to consider accepting him.

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